

AGRICULTURAL LEADERSHIP

Graduate Programs

Students may pursue graduate studies in agricultural leadership through the Master of Agriculture in Agricultural Leadership, the Master of Science degree in Agricultural Education and Leadership, or the department's Doctor of Philosophy degree programs. The Master of Agriculture degree in Agricultural Leadership is an advanced studies program for practitioners seeking to develop their knowledge related to leadership and its application to the agricultural industry. Graduates pursue careers in extension, government, corporate agriculture, and human resources and training. The Master of Agriculture program requires 32 approved semester hours of coursework including a 17-hour area of emphasis. Graduate coursework in agricultural leadership includes leadership theory and practice and developments in agricultural and extension education.

The Master of Science degree in Agricultural Education and Leadership offers students two options for completion of the degree: thesis option or formal report option. The thesis option requires 30 approved credit hours of coursework, which includes a six-credit hour formal thesis following the graduate college format. The formal report option require 32 approved semester credit hours of coursework, including a two-credit hour formal report.

The Doctor of Philosophy program in Agricultural Education, Communications and Leadership is designed to prepare graduates for careers in professional education, supervision, administration, curriculum development and other areas of professional leadership in Agriculture, Agricultural Extension, Career and Technology, and Agricultural Communications. Within the minimum 60-credit hour requirement, 15 credit hours must be completed in the core area. In addition, 15 credit hours must be completed in an area of specialization such as Agricultural Extension, Technical Agriculture, Educational Administration, or other similar areas. The additional hours include 15 hours of research design and statistics and 15 hours for the dissertation.